The Cleveland Museum of Art

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BOOK SIGNING AT THE CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART MUSEUM STORE
Fine Arts in Cleveland: An Illustrated History
by Holly Rarick Witchey with John Vacha
Sunday, November 6, 1994, 2-3 pm

The co-authors of *Fine Arts in Cleveland: An Illustrated History*, will appear at The Cleveland Museum of Art to sign copies of their new book on Sunday, November 6 from 2 to 3 pm. Published as an adjunct project to *The Encyclopedia of Cleveland History*, this substantial publication is 192 8-1/2 x 11-inch pages, with 16 color plates and 113 black & white photos. It sells for $34.95. Beginning with the founding of Cleveland in 1796, *Fine Arts in Cleveland* traces the evolution of popular taste through the 19th century, covers the establishment of most of the city's great cultural institutions in the early 20th century, assesses the present state of the arts in Cleveland, and looks to the future. From the introduction: "For the greater part of Cleveland's history, its citizens stuggled to create a city equal to or better than any other city in the United States, a city comparable even to the great cultural centers of Europe." Cleveland's arts institutions have been the standard bearers for that civic greatness, through boom, bust, and recovery. *Fine Arts in Cleveland: An Illustrated History* shows how the arts have flourished here, and how they continue to fortify the city's reputation and enlighten its citizens. Come meet the authors and acquire your own signed copy.

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